



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held December 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve updated goals and policies for the second year of the 2003-04 State Legislative Session which seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, and promote the recovery of the State and local economy; and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, affected departments, the Legislative Strategist, and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to work with the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue the goals and policies.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"As part of the Board of Supervisors' deliberation on the State legislative agenda for the second year of the 2003-04 Session, I believe the following additions will benefit the citizens of Los Angeles County and should be included in the final draft of the agenda."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, and carried by the Board, the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations, goals and policies as identified in Attachments I and II were adopted with the following changes:

1. A "No" vote for Supervisor Antonovich was recorded on the following:
  - Item 3 under Section 3.11 of Attachment I – Library Services: Support proposals that provide State bond financing for public library construction and renovation;
  - Item 7 under Section 4.3 of Attachment I – Medi-Cal and Healthy Families: Support continued State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women;
  - Item 2 under Section 4.4 of Attachment I – Health Insurance Coverage: Support proposals to provide incentives for small businesses to offer quality health coverage for employees and their dependents, such as allowing small businesses to use both public/private purchasing pools on a regional or county level;
  - Item 2 under Section 9.0 of Attachment I – Revenue and Taxation: Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax in light of the 1.5 % sales tax cap;
  - Item 5 under Section 9.0 of Attachment I – Revenue and Taxation: Support legislation to distribute the growth in sales tax revenue within counties on a per capita or other basis that reflects the service responsibilities of counties;
  - Item 9 under Section 11.0 of Attachment I – State-County Relationship: Support a constitutional amendment to provide that the State budget and related bills can be approved by a majority vote;
  - Item 10 under Section 12.0 of Attachment I - Transportation: Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a County-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure; and

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- Item 6 under “County-Sponsored Program-Specific Goals,” Attachment II - Local Alcohol Tax Authority: Under current law, local government does not have the authority to levy an alcohol tax. The weakened condition of the California economy has increased the demand for local governmental services beyond what current revenues can finance. This places essential services such as emergency and trauma care, where the need for these services is often linked to alcohol consumption, to be at risk. Therefore, the County will seek legislation that would authorize counties to impose a local tax of no more than 5% on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care;
2. A “No” vote was recorded for Supervisor Knabe on the following:
- Item 2 under Section 9.0 of Attachment I – Revenue and Taxation: Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax in light of the 1.5% local sales tax cap;
  - Item 3 under Section 9.0 of Attachment I – Revenue and Taxation: Support proposals to provide for a fee on alcohol consumption to be used to fund trauma and emergency care; and
  - Item 10 under Section 12.0 of Attachment I - Transportation: Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a County-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure.
3. As requested by Supervisor Antonovich, the Board took the following additional actions relating to the State Legislative Agenda:
- Added an additional item as No. 5, under Section 3.11 of Attachment I - Library Services: Support legislation that would dedicate one-half of 1% of Proposition 98 monies to public libraries;
- (Supervisor Burke abstained from voting on this item)

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- Added an additional item as No. 5, under Section 10.6 of Attachment I – Domestic Violence: Support legislation to provide funding to create transitional shelters for victims of domestic violence;
- Revised as indicated in “bold” the following State Legislative Policies:
  - No. 1 under Section 10.10 of Attachment I – Veterans: Support efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, **training, placement** and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have honorably served in our armed forces; and
  - No 5 under Section 11 of Attachment I – State-County Relationship: Oppose the shift of programs unless control over those programs is also shifted **and State funding is guaranteed**.

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Attachment

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